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- 1. IN MEETING FEBRUARY 5 WITH DIAKHA DIENG, PRIME MINISTER'S DIRECOTR OF CABINET, AMBASSADOR MADE DEMARCHE ON CIVIL AIR NEGOTIATIONS AS AUTHORIZED REFTELS.
- 2. DIENG SAID HE PERSONALLY SHARED OUR DESIRE TO REACH POSITIVE SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS WHICH HAD FORESTALLED SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT. HE TOOK NOTES AND PROMISED TO RAISE MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER PROMPTLY. HE INDICATED PRIME MINISTER WAS AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF US/SENEGALESE COOPERATION AND WOULD WISH TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO AVOID STALEMATE. DIENG SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY DID NOT KNOW EXTENT TO WHICH PRESIDENT SENGHOR FELT HE HAD COMMITMENT TO INSIST ON SOME SORT OF MIAMI SERVICE, BUT HE FELT PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE BEST PERSON TO FIND OUT. HE NOTED THERE WAS ADDITIONAL PROBLEM OF HARMONIZING SENEGALESE VIEWS ON AIR AFRIQUE SERVICES WITH THOSE OF OTHER PARTNERS. DIENG WAS AWARE THAT SENEGALESE TECHNICAL ADVISORS WERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESSING FOR AT LEAST PRINCIPLE OF RIGHT TO SERVICE MIAMI. AMABASSADOR MENTIONED EVENTUAL POSSIBILITY OF US CONSIDERING AIR AFRIQUE SERVING ANTILLES ROUTE VIA CHARTER BUT DID NOT MENTION SECOND POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE OF CONDITIONAL GRANTING OF ROUTE SUBJECT TO PROCEDURE SPECIFIED IN PARA 4.B OF REFTEL B, IN BELIEF THIS OPTION SHOULD BE RESERVED.

3. WE WILL REPORT REACTION OF PRIME MINISTER AND, HOPEFULLY PRESIDENT, AS SOON AS WE HEAR FROM DIAKHA DIENG.
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